## BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C.

In the Matter of:	)
Request for Waiver	)
by	) CC Docket No. 02-6
Isle of Wight County School District Smithfield, VA	) ) )

TO: Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Isle of Wight County School District ("IoW"), Billed Entity # 126520, respectfully requests the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") grant it a Waiver of the FY2019 Form 471 filing deadline for FCC Form 471 Application #191024183. This Request for Waiver is made pursuant to 54.719 through 54.723 of the Commission's rules.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.719–54.723

## STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF WAIVER

Although the certification process began prior to the close of the FY2019 filing Window, due to the exceptional slowness of the EPC Portal in the last minutes, the certification of Form 471 #191024183 was completed at 00:01:18 AM on March 28, 2019 – missing the deadline by a mere one minute and eighteen seconds.

Since the application was certified within such a short time after the close of the FY2019 Window, which was well within the 14 day grace period granted by the Commission in recent years, IoW respectfully requests the Commission to grant it a Waiver of the filing deadline and allow Form 471 #191024183 considered for funding as though timely filed within the Window. IoW did its best to comply with all E-rate rules and intends no fraud, abuse or waste of program funds.

The Commission has repeatedly reiterated its authority under 47 C.F.R. §1.3 to waive rules for good cause shown and may exercise its discretion to waive a rule where the particular facts make strict compliance inconsistent with the public interest. See, *Northeast Cellular Telephone Co. v. FCC*, 897 F.2d 1164, 1166 (D.C. Cir. 1990). Additionally, the Commission may take into account considerations of hardship, equity, or more effective implementation of overall policy on an individual basis. *WAIT Radio v. FCC*, 418 F.2d 1153, 1159 (D.C. Cir. 1969); *Northeast Cellular*, supra.

Under the circumstances, a Waiver from the Commission will best serve the public interest and the interests of the students of the Isle of Wight County School District.

Thank you for your consideration.

<u>/s/ Linda Schreckinger Sadler, Esq.</u>

On behalf of Educational Funding Group, Inc.

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